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# Pension Tension

## Beneficiaries queue up at Taluk Office to rectify errors in social security pension records

Mysuru, May 13 (RK&BCT)- The Taluk Office (Mini Vidhana Soudha) in Mysuru is witnessing a concerning trend as hundreds of pensioners enrolled in various Government social security schemes endure daily struggles to restore their pensions.

These individuals, hailing from different corners of Mysuru Taluk, are compelled to make repeated visits, enduring long hours of wait, to rectify discrepancies that have led to the discontinuation of their pensions.

Among those affected, a significant portion comprises elderly persons who travel from distant areas to reach the Taluk Office as early as 8 am, hoping to secure a spot in the ever-growing queue.

However, by 10.30 am, when the officer responsible for managing the single counter on the ground floor finally arrives, a daunting number of 100 to 150 social security scheme beneficiaries have already gathered, eagerly awaiting their turn to address the errors in their pension disbursements.

The State Government has introduced several social security pension schemes, including the Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), Widow Pension Scheme, Disabled Pension and Sandhya Suraksha Scheme. These schemes are intricately linked with Aadhaar, ensuring direct crediting of pension amounts to beneficiaries' accounts.

(See PENSION on page 7)

# Dearth of city buses

## KSRTC Mysuru Urban Division borrows buses from BMTC

Mysuru, May 13 (MTY&DM)- With KSRTC (Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation) Mysuru Urban Division sending as many as 118 buses under its control for scrap due to phasing out of old and unfit vehicles, the city commuters are faced with less number of buses to travel to their destinations.

The Mysuru Urban Division, after identifying unfit buses in April-May this year, which were purchased under JNNURM scheme during 2003-2004, has decided to send them for scrap as per the new National Vehicle Scrappage Policy.

This has left the KSRTC with lesser number of buses to operate on city routes, which has pushed the commuters including students to a lot of hardship.

The implementation of 'Shakti' scheme in June last year, which allows free bus travel for women anywhere within the State, has only compounded the problems with women availing free travel in buses more than ever before.

In order to meet the dearth of city buses, KSRTC Mysuru Urban Division has sourced buses from Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC - with KA-57 registration) and other buses (with KA-40 Registration of Chikkaballapur), totalling 30, as a stopgap measure.

(See BUSES on page 7)

# Engineer loses Rs. 90 lakh to fake trading app scam

Mysuru, May 13 (SBD & BCT)- In a concerning trend, cybercriminals are increasingly targeting not only the less educated but also highly educated individuals, exploiting new tactics to lure victims with promises of high investment returns, enticing offers in online trading and cryptocurrency ventures.

In the latest case of cyber fraud, an engineer hailing from Mysuru city fell victim to a staggering loss of Rs. 90 lakh through a fraudulent trading application. The incident came to light following a formal complaint filed at the Cyber Economic and Narcotics (CEN) Police Station in Mysuru.

According to Police, the engineer, whose identity remains undisclosed, received a message on Apr. 25 through a WhatsApp group urging him to join a platform named "cocoa209." The message purportedly extended an invitation to engage in stock market trading, enticing participants with the promise of substantial returns through a foundation training programme.

Intrigued by the potential for financial gain, the engineer proceeded to follow instructions provided in message. He downloaded an undisclosed trading application via a link provided, subsequently being instructed to transfer funds to a specified personal bank account to initiate trading activities.

Tragically, what began as a venture into potential profits turned into a nightmare as the engineer found himself ensnared in a sophisticated cybercrime scheme. Initially investing Rs. 10,000, the engineer was enticed to further increase their investment, eventually transferring a total of Rs. 40,000.

The engineer gained a profit of Rs. 9,000 for the money he had invested. Assured of substantial returns, he invested more and eagerly awaited profits, only to realise later that he had fallen victim to a scam.

Enticed by promises of assured interest, the engineer ended up investing a staggering Rs. 79.50 lakh. As more funds were solicited for purportedly higher returns, the engineer even invested Rs. 10 lakh from his son's account. In total, the engineer invested Rs. 89.50 lakh, the entire sum that was siphoned off from his account, leaving him in dire financial distress.

Police have launched an investigation into the matter. The incident underscores the prevalence of online scams and highlights critical importance of exercising caution while engaging in financial transactions over digital platforms.

# Voting begins for Phase 4 of Lok Sabha elections

## First major election in J&K's Srinagar since the abrogation of Article 370

New Delhi, May 13 (Agencies)- Voting for Phase 4 of the Lok Sabha elections, covering 96 Constituencies across 10 States / Union Territories, commenced at 7 am today. At 11 am, 24.9 percent voter turnout was recorded across these States.

According to the Election Commission of India, a total of 4,264 nominations were filed for the 96 Parliamentary Constituencies, resulting in 1,717 final candidates contesting the elections. Telangana witnessed the highest number of nominations at 1,488, followed by Andhra Pradesh with 1,103 nominations spread across 25 Constituencies.

The States and Union Territories involved include Andhra Pradesh (all 25 Constituencies), Telangana (all 17 Constituencies), Jharkhand (four out of 14 Constituencies), Odisha (four out of 21), Uttar Pradesh (13 out of 80), Madhya Pradesh (8 out of 29), Bihar (5 out of 40), Maharashtra (11 out of 48), West Bengal (8 out of 42) and Jammu and Kashmir (1 out of the Union Territory's five Constituencies).

Over 17.70 crore voters, including 8.97 crore men and 8.73 crore women electors, are eligible to cast votes in Phase 4. "There are over 12.49 lakh registered 85 plus years old and 19.99 lakh PwD voters for phase 4, who have been provided the option to vote from the comfort of their homes," the Election Commission said.

Voting is currently underway in J&K's Srinagar, marking the first major election in the region since the abrogation of Article 370, which granted special status to the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir. In Srinagar, a total of 24 candidates are contesting.

(See VOTING on page 6)

# STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

**Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.**

Mysuru, Monday 13th May 2024


# Hackathon held at Mahajana College

Mysuru, May 13- The one-day Hackathon workshop, a collaborative endeavour of the Department of BCA, IQAC and Computer Paradise, had been organised at SBRR Mahajana First Grade College in the city recently.

In his keynote address, Arokia Swamy, Director of Computer Paradise, Mysuru, shared invaluable wisdom drawn from his extensive experience, offering real-world examples and practical advice on hackathons.

Principal Dr. B.R. Jayakumari underscored the transformative potential of collaboration and innovation in the tech industry, inspiring attendees to approach the day's challenges with determination and enthusiasm.

The workshop sessions were a blend of theory and practical, covering a wide range of topics including hackathon basics, app development and database management using Python.

A. Radhesh, HoD, Computer Science and Application, was also present.

K.S. Nandini welcomed the gathering.

## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

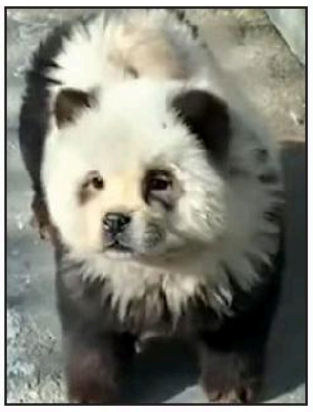
***The name Seshan means someone who serves his guru or lord with utmost devotion. Adi Seshan serves Mahavishnu at all times, even during his avatars — as Lakshmana when the Lord manifested as Rama and as Balarama during Krishna Avatar. In Kali Yuga, Adi Seshan appeared as the great preceptor Ramanuja in order to help people reconnect with divinity, said Tirukkudanthai Dr. Venkatesh in a discourse.***

***Ramanuja's mission is five-fold, says Manavala Mamunigal. First, he taught the world that god resides within a person. Secondly, in Kali Yuga when sins are multiplying, he established that moksha is not the purview of merely a few privileged people, but is within reach of anyone who surrenders to the Lord. His lucid exposition of the Vedas made it easy for the ordinary people to understand the essence of the Vedas and Upanishads. Third, his unstinting efforts to inculcate bhakti in all had positive results: it is said that proliferation of sinners burdens Mother Earth.***

***Fourth, he ensured that the Tamil pasurams of the Azhwars, encapsulating the essence of Vedas, were given their due importance, and reached a wider audience. Due to his efforts, the Tamil hymns resonate in the sanctum sanctorum of Vaishnavite temples today. Last but not the least, he showed the faithful that the great idols in various temples such as Sri Rangam, Srimushnam, Kancheepuram, Kumbakonam, etc., were not mere symbols, but archa avtars: resident gods offering succour to the devout.*** —*In The Hindu*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

### 'Pandas' at Zoo are dogs in disguise



Beijing: A Chinese Zoo is being criticised online after visitors complained the animals in a "panda" exhibit aren't bears at all — they're painted Chow Chow dogs.

Visitors to the Taizhou Zoo in Jiangsu Province said they were surprised to discover the so-called "panda dogs" that went on display May 1 are dogs with their fur trimmed and dyed to closely resemble the iconic Chinese bears.

A Zoo employee said that the "panda dogs" aren't meant to be deceptive, as signage posted at the enclosure explains they are Chow Chow dogs in disguise.

### SUV-sized radio red wagon up for auction

Anchorage: An SUV-sized Radio Flyer red wagon with a top speed of 60 mph and about 57,000 miles on the odometer is up for auction.

Judy Foster said she decided to sell the unique vehicle after the death of her husband, Fred Keller, who used the chassis of a 1976 Mazda pickup truck to create the Radio Flyer car about 14 years ago.

The wagon car is now being auctioned online by Alaska Premier Auctions & Appraisals as part of its Mother's Day Classic Car Auction today.

"I'll miss it and I'll miss the fun of driving it. It's just so much fun to take somebody for a ride and seeing peoples' reaction to you," Foster said.

"This one-of-a-kind vehicle turns more heads than anything we have ever seen. Invoking childhood memories that nearly everyone can relate to, this rig is good old-fashioned fun, and the smiles follow," the auction house said.

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# Chavundaraya Award-2023 for Dr. Priti Shubhachandra

Mysuru, May 13- City's senior writer Dr. Priti Shubhachandra has been selected for the Chavundaraya Endowment Award-2023 of Kannada Sahitya Parishat.

*Dr. Priti*

The award, instituted by Charukeerthi Bhattaraka Swamiji of Shravanabelagola in the Parishat, is given to a writer of essay, research work, critique, novel, play, story written in modern Kannada based on ancient Jain literature or editor or senior writer who has contributed to Kannada literature in various aspects.

Dr. Priti Shubhachandra has written over 40 research papers and many books related to Jain literature. She was unanimously selected for the award at the Selection Committee Meeting held on Apr. 17, 2024, which was presided by Parishat President Nadoja Dr. Mahesh Joshi.

The award, carrying a cash prize of Rs. 30,000 and a citation, will be presented at a ceremony to be held at a later date.

Dr. Priti Shubhachandra had served as a Professor and first woman Director of Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS), University of Mysore and also as the Hon. Director of the Centre for Women's Studies.

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- ***Squirrels use their tail for balance, to signal other squirrels in the area and use it as a blanket in colder weather.***

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

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***Prasad:*** *So that we might get a holiday !*

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Hostel admission at Chamarajanagar

JSS Mahavidyapeetha has invited applications from eligible students of 5th to 10th standard for admission to JSS Anathalaya (student hostel) at Siddartha Extension in Chamarajanagar. Eligible students can apply directly or through e-mail: *jssmvphostels@gmail.com* or WhatsApp. For details, call Mob: 95352-52881.

### Ph.D awardee

**B. Ashitha Ganesh** has been awarded Ph.D in Environmental Science by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for her thesis 'Studies on Ethnomedicinal Plants, Phytochemical Screening and Evaluation of Therapeutically Potential Species in Kodagu District' [Guide: Dr. A.G. Deviprasad].

### IPL 2024

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## Sex Scandal

# 'Not kidnapped', says victim in viral video

Bengaluru, May 13 (Agencies)- In a surprising turn of events, a video featuring the alleged kidnapping victim of JD(S) MLA H.D. Revanna has surfaced on various online platforms. In the video, she asserted that she was not held against her will by the MLA and his associates.

*H.D. Revanna*

This video emerged a week after the Special Investigation Team (SIT) rescued the woman from a residence linked to an aide of H.D. Revanna in Hunsur, Mysuru district, following a complaint lodged by her son at the K.R. Nagar Police Station accusing the MLA's associates of kidnapping her.

The victim, who was purportedly shown being sexually assaulted by Hassan JD(S) MP Prajwal Revanna in another leaked video before the Lok Sabha polls on April 26, was heard addressing her situation. A third FIR was lodged against the MP by the SIT last week after recording her statement.

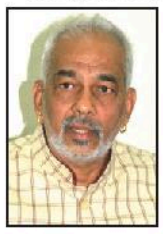
In the video, believed to have been filmed before her rescue, the woman states that she decided to visit a relative for four days due to distress caused by public discussion of the video. "I want to clarify that I did not encounter any issues from anyone, whether it be Bhavani Revanna, Revanna, or Prajwal," she asserted.

She further mentions Satish Babanna, an accused in the kidnapping case, stating that he did not mistreat her. "They took care of me and allowed me to return... They did not cause me any harm, nor did they abduct me," she affirms, adding that she was staying with relatives and would return soon.

Addressing her son's complaint, she explains that it stemmed from his concern. "No one abducted me. I left willingly and will return," she emphasised.

**MLA A. Manju's name floated**

In another development about the case, Congress worker Naveen Gowda, who is among the accused involved in leaking the videos, made a social media post on Sunday claiming that he had handed over the pen drive he found on the streets on April 20 to Arkalgud JD(S) MLA A. Manju the following day.



*A. Manju*

In his post, he suggested that Manju might have been responsible for the leak.

However, Manju promptly refuted these allegations, stating that he was unfamiliar with Naveen Gowda and accused him of being the one behind the video releases. "The SIT should prioritise investigating him," Manju insisted.

## Pen drive leak: Aides of Preetham Gowda arrested

Bengaluru, May 13 (Agencies)- Two individuals allegedly involved in leaking the explicit videos of Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna were arrested by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) in Hassan on Sunday.

The arrested individuals, identified as Likith Gowda and Yalagunda Chetan, are reported to be the associates of Karnataka BJP General Secretary Preetham Gowda. Their apprehension stemmed from a complaint filed by JD(S) worker Poornachandra Tejaswi on Apr. 22, accusing five individuals, including Congress worker Naveen Gowda, of disseminating the videos, sparking a political controversy in Karnataka.

*Likith Gowda & Yalagunda Chetan*

Chetan, one of the arrestees, was employed at the office of Preetham Gowda, the former MLA from Hassan, while Likith Gowda was identified as a close associate, as per sources.

Following questioning at the Cyber, Economic and Narcotics (CEN) Crime Police Station in Hassan, they were arrested. Additionally, authorities are actively seeking Naveen Gowda, the primary suspect in the video leak case. These two arrests bring the total number of individuals arrested in connection with various cases related to the Prajwal Revanna sexual assault case to eight. Earlier, the SIT had detained six individuals, including JD(S) MLA H.D. Revanna — Prajwal Revanna's father — on allegations of kidnapping a victim to impede her from approaching investigating authorities.

## Street vendors urge Minister not to evict shops atop Ch.Hill

Mysuru, May 13 (VNS)- A delegation of street vendors, who are having their shops atop Chamundi Hill, met Social Welfare and District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa at his Vijayanagar residence and requested him to instruct the officials not to evict their shops.

The street vendors met the Minister in the wake of recent orders passed by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra to evict the roadside shops.

Dr. Mahadevappa, responding to requests, called the DC and instructed him not evict the shops until an alternative arrangement was made for the street vendors atop the Hill.

Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) Member Nazarbad Nataraj, Varuna Mahadev, Chethan Alanahalli, Manjula Manjunath and others were present.

## Female Foeticide Case

## One more accused nabbed, total arrests reach nine

Mandya, May 13 (VNS)- Mandya Police, who are investigating into the female foeticide case reported in Pandavapura recently, have made yet another arrest.

The Police arrested Shruthi (32), a resident of Ganigara Beedhi in K.R. Pet.

According to Police, Shruthi worked at the private clinic of late Dr. Manjunath, who was one of the accused in the female foeticide case reported from a jaggery manufacturing unit in Hadya, Mandya taluk.

It is alleged that Shruthi was involved in many female foeticide cases including the one reported in Pandavapura.

*Shruthi*

Acting on a tip-off, Police Inspector Kumar, Sub-Inspector Umesh and staff arrested Shruthi and produced her before the Court after medical examination.

The Court remanded the accused to judicial custody. With the arrest of Shruthi, the total number of arrests in the case has reached nine. Police are on the look out for other accused.

## Power disruption tomorrow

Mysuru, May 13- As CESC has taken up 2nd quarterly maintenance works at 66/11 KV Devanur and Rajivnagar Power Distribution Centres, power supply will be disrupted in the following areas tomorrow (May 14) between 10 am and 5.30 pm:

Beedi Colony, Azeez Sait Nagar, Kesare, Mahadevapura Main Road, Shaktinagar, Rajkumar Road, Kalyanagiri, Akshaya Bhandar, Rammanahalli, Kalisiddanahundi, Hanchya, Sathagalli, Galigarahundi, Nehru Nagar, DTS Rao Nagar, VTU College & nearby areas, Sun Pure Layout, Bharat Nagar and surrounding areas; Rajivnagar 2nd and 3rd Stages, Christian Colony, Suryanarayana Temple Road, Al-Badr Masjid Circle, Ambedkar Bhavan Road, Quba Masjid Circle, NH Hospital, Kamanakerehundi, KHB Layout, Aseena Layout and surrounding areas.

## VOICE OF THE READER

### Road humps sans white stripes in Hebbal 1st Stage

Sir,

A few months ago, news emerged concerning the loss of lives due to accidents caused by improperly laid road humps and the absence of white paint markings or caution signs.

Several such humps on the road from Shivananda School gate to Shreyas Medical Store in Hebbal 1st Stage lack any form of caution marking. Despite recent road asphalting/tarring, the responsible engineers have neglected to provide white paint stripes on these road humps for the safety of road users.

The Mysuru City Corporation officials have not taken any proactive measures to address this issue. During night-time, these unmarked humps pose a significant risk as they are not clearly visible, potentially leading to accidents if a two-wheeler rider suddenly applies brakes.

It is imperative that officials promptly address this matter and arrange for proper marking on the road humps to ensure the safety of tax-paying road users.

**—M. Sreedhar**
Hebbal
6.5.2024

# TV actress Pavitra Jayaram dies in road accident

*Pavitra*

Hyderabad, May 13- Popular TV actress Pavitra Jayaram (35) died on Sunday after a tragic car accident. Pavitra, best known for her show *Trinayani,* died in Hyderabad after a bus rammed into her car.

She was travelling with her sister Apeksha, driver Srikant and actor Chandrakant when the accident occurred. The news of her death has sent shockwaves across TV industry.

Multiple news outlets reported the accident took place near Mehboob Nagar in Hyderabad. It is said that Pavitra was returning to Hanakere in Mandya district of Karnataka when the tragic accident took place.

According to another source, the actress' car lost control and hit a divider while a bus reportedly collided with the right side of the car. Pavitra died on the spot while her fellow passengers are said to be seriously injured. Pavitra had carved her space in Telugu and Kannada entertainment industries. She starred in projects such as '*Tillottama*' and Telugu serial '*Trinayani*'.

## Obituary

**Anthony Cruz**

Mysuru, May 13- Anthony Cruz (77), retired Head Constable of City Armed Reserve (CAR) and a resident of Raghavendra Nagar Extension, passed away on Sunday night at his residence.

He leaves behind his wife Mary Elizabeth, daughters Suneetha Cruz, Sagaya Cruz Lobo, son-in-law Roshan Lobo, grandson Rishawn Adriel Lobo and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral was held at the Catholic Cemetery on Mahadevapura Road in Gandhinagar today, according to family sources.

**NOTE:** *'Star of Mysore' had published an article titled 'BOOM… Gunner Anthony Cruz Recounts the Tradition of 21-Gun Salute' in its special issue dated Feb. 16, 2024.*

**M. Mahadevaiah**

M. Mahadevaiah (82), a retired Nursing Superintendent and a resident of Lakshmikanthanagar, passed away here on Sunday.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Hebbal crematorium this afternoon.

**Siddamma**

Siddamma (72), a resident of 6th Cross, Vinayakanagar, passed away on Sunday morning. She leaves behind her husband, two daughters including Prof. M. Manjula, three sons including The Mysore Co-operative Bank Director, Paduvarahalli M. Ramakrishna (Advocate) and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam yesterday.

**Janardhan**

Janardhan (77), a resident of Vivekanandanagar, passed away here yesterday. He leaves behind one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill today.

**Lakshmidevamma**

Lakshmidevamma (85), wife of late Narayanaswamy and a resident of Saraswathipuram, passed away here yesterday.

She leaves behind her daughter Asha, son Srinivas and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at K.G. Koppal burial grounds today.

**Ameer Baig**

Ameer Baig (64), a resident of Rajivnagar 3rd Stage, passed away here early this morning.

He is survived by his wife, a son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. He was to leave for Haj pilgrimage on May 21.

*Namaz-e-Janaza* will take place today, following which *Asar* will be held at Masjid-e-Tipu, Bannimantap. Burial will take place later in the evening at Main Khabarasthan behind Central Prison, Tipu Circle.

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# Four years on, piped natural gas project remains a pipe dream

## Government slashes land charges from Rs. 1,956 to Re. 1 per metre; MCC officers refuse to comply

Mysuru, May 13 (BLU&BCT)- The ambitious initiative to provide 'direct to home' Piped Natural Gas (PNG) to every household in Mysuru city has hit a roadblock due to the attitude of certain officials from the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC).

Despite the State Government significantly reducing the pipeline-laying charges from the previous Rs. 1,956 to just Re. 1 per metre as land charges (or licence fee to allow the implementing company to dig the road), progress has been hindered.

Notably, the pipeline-laying work of the Central Government project is consistently advancing in the Hootagalli City Municipal Council area while the project has remained stalled within the MCC jurisdiction for the past six months.

### NOMINAL CHARGES TO THE MCC

Earlier, the company responsible for the project had to remit Rs. 1,956 to the MCC as a licence fee and secure permission to excavate one metre of the road for pipeline laying. Following the Government's directive, the project implementing company or agency now must pay Re. 1 per metre to the MCC for trenching the road margins and laying the pipeline.

Upon completion of the pipeline installation, the company is obligated to restore the road to its original condition at its own expense. Any cost savings realised in the project must be transferred to the consumers.

The Government's decision to reduce costs aims to fulfil the energy demand while enhancing the proportion of cleaner energy, marking a positive stride towards sustainable economic growth. Internationally, the utilisation of natural gas for cooking, industrial operations, and transportation has led to notable improvements in environmental conditions.

### NOVEMBER 2023 ORDER

In November 2023, the State Government issued an order setting the charge at Re. 1 per metre. Nevertheless, despite the MCC authorities receiving written directives from the Government, they have cited the need to obtain permission from the Urban Development Department as an excuse. Consequently, this endeavour has remained at a standstill for the past six months, despite the substantial reduction in charges.

As a result, the initiative to supply cooking gas via pipelines to approximately 3.75 lakh households in Mysuru has been halted. However, in Kalaburagi, pipeline construction is progressing as per Government directives, with a nominal charge of Re. 1 per metre.

Remarkably, even the Hootagalli Municipal Council, located on the outskirts of Mysuru, has authorised the project. Pipeline installation spanning 50 kilometres is currently in progress, with gas connections being extended to residences in the area.

### OBSTACLES FROM THE BEGINNING

The initiative to provide PNG to households encountered numerous obstacles. However, in 2019, through the unwavering efforts of Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha, the project gained momentum.

Since its inception, MLAs and Corporators have vehemently opposed it, citing concerns about road damage resulting from pipeline installation and the substantial funds needed for repairs.

Consequently, the MCC did not grant overall permission for excavation works to commence. Despite assurances from the project implementing company that the roads would be fully restored to their original condition, some MLAs and Corporators remained steadfast in their refusal to permit road-digging in their areas.

Despite the concerns, pipelines were laid in Vijayanagar and Hebbal beyond the MCC limits, providing PNG connections to over 500 homes. Works were initiated to lay the pipelines at Kuvempunagar and Dattagalli and later at Kadakola and Nanjangud.

### DEADLOCK CLEARED IN COUNCIL

During this deadlock, Prathap Simha intervened by attending a Council meeting presided over by the then Mayor Sunanda Palanetra. Through his efforts, despite opposition from certain members, he successfully persuaded the MCC to grant permission for the project to proceed.

Subsequently, when Shivakumar became the Mayor, a fee of Rs. 1,857 per metre was fixed for permission to dig one metre of land. Despite this relatively high charge, the implementing company laid a 45-kilometre pipeline along the Outer Ring Road and neighbouring regions, enabling gas connections for around 800 households.

Furthermore, in response to the industrial requisites in Nanjangud, another plant was erected there. This development encompassed the completion of 6 kilometres of pipeline installation, facilitating gas distribution to the industries via pipelines.

### 'Re. 1 per metre will set a precedent; as such, officers have not acted'

To install a gas pipeline for one metre, the MCC has fixed a charge of Rs. 2,000. This decision had been approved by the Council too and the project-implementing company laid pipelines in some areas following the same fee structure. But now, the company is saying that it will pay only Re. 1 as per the Government order, said Shivakumar, former Mayor.

*Shivakumar*

"The gas project implementing company has successfully persuaded the State Government to lower the digging charge to Re. 1 per metre. The Government has recommended that local organisations promote the new eco-friendly gas pipeline connection plan. Consequently, Municipalities and Corporations have been urged to authorise pipeline installations at the rate of one rupee per metre," he stated.

"Several companies have already been charged Rs. 2,000 per metre by the MCC for pipeline and cable installations. If the gas company is now billed only one rupee, it establishes a precedent for all future cases. Therefore, the MCC cannot adhere to the Government's directive. This is why MCC officers have abstained from making any decisions on this matter," Shivakumar added.

## No water supply on May 14, 15

Mysuru, May 13- Due to quarterly maintenance works being taken up by KPTCL at Devanuru Sub-station, there will be disruption in water supply in the following areas of the city on May 14 and 15:

Areas coming under MCC Ward Nos. 9 to 16, 28 to 39, 52 and 53 — Kesare, Rajendranagar, Subashnagar, N.R. Mohalla, Gandhinagar, Udayagiri, Rajivnagar 1st, 2nd and 3rd Stages, Shantinagar, Kalyanagiri, areas adjoining Dr. Rajkumar Road, Yeraganahalli, Siddartha Layout, Alanahalli, Nandini Layout, Giridarshini Layout, Ghousianagar and Kyatamaranahalli, according to a press release from the MCC Executive Engineer.

## Voting begins for Phase 4

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In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, polling was conducted for six seats in Jammu and Kashmir. Following the abrogation of Article 370, the former state of Jammu and Kashmir was bifurcated into two Union Territories - Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. Consequently, there is no longer a separate Lok Sabha constituency for Ladakh.

The voter turnout in the first three phases of the election, conducted on April 19, April 26, and May 7, respectively, stood at 66.1 percent 66.7 percent, and 61 percent, respectively. Overall, the voter turnout has been lower compared to the 2019 elections.

## Hostel admission

### Apply before May 17

Mysuru, May 13- The Veerashaiva Anathalaya Trust, Ramanuja Road in city, has invited applications from eligible students for admission to the Hostel run by the Trust.

The admission is open for I and II year PU Veerashaiva-Lingayat community students from rural and economically backward families, who have scored more than 50 percent marks in their preceding annual exam. Application forms can be obtained from the Trust Office before May 17.

Admission will be based on marks scored by the applicants and also on the basis of interview to take place at Anathalaya Office at 10 am on May 19. Applicants are required to bring their parents mandatorily along with them for the interview.

For details, contact: Mob: 99166-50106, according to a press release.

# People's co-operation must to enhance city's green cover: MGP

Mysuru, May 13 (SPN&DM)- During the monthly meeting of the Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP), convened at its office on Vivekananda Road in Yadavagiri last evening, participants underscored the importance of collective efforts from the community, support from local officials, and the assistance of the State Government in fostering a thriving green cover for the city.

Former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev highlighted the ongoing initiative of planting numerous saplings throughout the city to enhance the greenery. He also mentioned the distribution of saplings to students of educational institutions as part of the 'Koti Vruksha' campaign, encouraging them to plant saplings at their residences. Rajeev stressed the necessity of augmenting urban greenery to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Addressing the audience, Rajeev emphasised the crucial role of public cooperation in promoting a robust green cover. He pointed out that asphalt or cement tiles laid around trees hinder water supply to the roots, adversely affecting tree growth. He urged both citizens and authorities to take cognizance of this issue and refrain from such practices for the betterment of tree health and growth.

Environmentalist Dr. Shankar Bhat has stressed the need for a scientific approach to managing trees planted along roadsides. He advocated for the delegation of roadside tree management responsibilities to local bodies by the government. He expressed disappointment with the lack of appropriate measures taken by officials of the MCC (Mysuru City Corporation) in preserving the environment.

Bhat raised concerns over the maintenance of saplings in urban areas, stressing that the declining number of trees is alarming. He lamented the absence of initiative from MCC staff and personnel from the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) in efficiently pruning dead and unnecessary trees using scientific methods.

Range Forest Officer (RFO) Dhanysashree affirmed the Forest Department's commitment to green spaces and vegetation cover in Mysuru. She highlighted the significant efforts undertaken by the Forest Department in planting and nurturing lakhs of saplings.

According to Dhanysashree, the Forest Department is responsible for nurturing saplings along public roads for five years, after which the responsibility shifts to local bodies.

However, she noted that this transition is not occurring effectively. Currently, the Forest Department has over 11,000 saplings earmarked for planting. Dhanysashree urged the public to seize the opportunity to contribute to the city's green cover by planting saplings along roadsides.

The meeting was attended by MGP's Srishaila Ramannavar, Shobhana Sambashivam, Bhamy V. Shenoy and others.

# KSRTC Mysuru Urban Division borrows buses from BMTC

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While BMTC buses are of 2x2 seater type, KA-40 (red and silver coloured) registered buses are of 2x3 seater type, that are generally found operating on mofussil routes across the State.

The buses borrowed from Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) are operating on city routes and the other buses (KA-40 registered) are operating on short-distance mofussil routes within the district.

The borrowing of these buses has mitigated the commuter travel to some extent, but there is a still lot to be done.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) Mysuru Urban Divisional Controller (DC) H.T. Veeresh said that the operation of 118 city buses which were identified for scrap in April-May had reduced the fleet strength of city transport.

Admitting that BMTC and other buses are borrowed for city operations, he said that new buses have been sought from the Government. In the first phase, the Division expects an addition of 40-50 new buses either in the last week of this month or the first week of next month, which will largely help in mitigating the passenger rush.

This apart, the addition of buses from the BMTC fleet is expected to effectively meet the passenger rush on city routes, he added.

# Pension Tension: Beneficiaries queue up at Taluk Office

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However, numerous beneficiaries have encountered discontinuation of their pensions due to various technical issues. Some individuals maintain multiple bank accounts, while others hold accounts in banks that underwent mergers last year. Consequently, records require updating to the merged bank to ensure seamless crediting of funds.

Additionally, changes such as updates to mobile phone numbers and addresses in Aadhaar cards or closure of bank accounts previously linked to pension disbursements have yet to be reported to the Taluk Office authorities. Consequently, pension accounts have become inactive, halting the flow of Government funds.

Unaware of underlying technical issues, pensioners were shocked to discover that their pensions had not been credited for the past four to five months. Consequently, they are now flocking to the Taluk Office seeking rectification.

However, the situation is compounded by the presence of only one counter at the Taluk Office, forcing numerous elderly, widowed and physically challenged individuals to endure lengthy queues that span hours.

Upon reaching the counter, beneficiaries undergo fresh record creation, with thumb impressions being collected to finalise cash crediting. For certain issues requiring the intervention of the Tahsildar, some beneficiaries are directed to approach the Tahsildar Office for resolution.

Many beneficiaries, predominantly elderly and infirm, aired their frustrations, highlighting the extensive wait times they endure at the Taluk Office. They lamented that arriving in the morning often results in waiting until afternoon or even evening.

Some recounted instances where they were instructed to return the following day or week due to the overwhelming demand. With only one counter operational and lengthy queues, beneficiaries stressed the need for the District Administration to address the issue by opening two to three counters to clear the rush.

# Centenary celebrations of Ittigegud Karaga Mahotsava from May 15

Mysuru, May 13 (GA&DM)- The 5-day centenary celebrations (100th year) of the famed Sri Chamundeshwari and Sri Maariyamma Karaga Mahotsava of Ittigegud in the city, will take place in a grand manner from May 15 to 19.

The celebrations will commence with the performance of rituals to the temple deities Sri Chamundeshwari and Sri Maariyamma Devi at 6 am on May 15, following which Prathama Abhisheka will be performed. Subsequently, all the associated rituals will be performed and the Karaga will leave the temple for Sri Madivala Temple at 4 pm.

Later, the Karaga will pass through Siddappa Kalyana Mantapa, First Cross of Post Office Road, Lower Model House, Tank Bund Road 1st Cross etc., and return to the temple.

On May 16, the Karaga will leave the temple at 7 am and pass through Garadi Beedi, Hosabeedi First to Fifth Cross, Old Model House, SRT and Garage to reach New Model House. Later, the Karaga will return to the temple passing through Ganapathi Temple.

On May 17, the Karaga will leave the temple at 7 am and pass through Ittigegud's Sri Satyanarayanaswamy Temple, Second Cross, Periyathambi Road, Sri Siddappaji Temple, Arunachalam Road and Lokaranjan Mahal Road before

reaching Sri Durgaparameshwari Temple. Later, the Karaga will return to the temple, passing through Kammalageri, Zoo and Bhavani Road. On May 18, the Karaga will leave the temple at 7 am and will pass through Kelaginakeri Sri Kuppamma Temple, Lakshmi Temple and other main thoroughfares of Ittigegud, before returning to the temple, following which Mahamangalarathi will be performed later in the evening.

On May 19, the concluding day, Ambali Puja will be performed to Ammanavara Karaga, followed by Tambittu Arati by devotees at 4 pm. Later, the Karaga Utsava will pass through the main thoroughfares of Ittigegud and subsequently, he Karaga Uyyalotsava will be held at 11 pm. The rituals and celebrations will end with the performance of Mahamangalarathi at 12 midnight.

The Karaga will be immersed at Paschimavahini near Srirangapatna at 5 am on May 20.

Vadakanji Puja and other rituals will be held at 7 pm on May 26, according to Sri Renukadevi Karaga Temple Trust.

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# 'Do not restrict children from watching cartoons'

## Dr. Rajappa Dalavayi delivers valedictory address at Rangantaranga children's summer camp

Mysuru, May 13 (SPN&VNS)- Parents must not restrict children from watching cartoons at home, said writer Dr. Rajappa Dalavayi, here on Friday.

Delivering the valedictory address of the summer camp organised by Rangantaranga Theatre Group at Kirurangamandira in Kalamandira premises, he said that cartoons could be a medium for children to enjoy happiness which they might not find in schools.

"Watching cartoon for an hour everyday will not have any adverse effect on child's education. Parents must allow them to watch cartoons such as 'Mickey Mouse', 'Chhota Bheem' among others without posing restrictions. Children must be given some freedom to think creatively rather than forcing them to continuously study. It is the responsibility of parents and the Education Department to create a good atmosphere at home and schools respectively," he added.

Stating that children were more inclined towards summer camps than schools in the recent days, Dr. Rajappa Dalavayi said that children must be allowed to think on various social aspects.

"Children are unable to find happiness and study-friendly environment at schools. Moreover, the Education Department has not come forward to create friendly atmosphere at schools which has forced the children to get attracted towards summer camps," he added.

Department of Kannada and Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan and K.M. Keerthiraj of Rangantaranga were present.

Later, children presented various cultural programmes much to the delight of their parents and audience.

# 'Chaitra' edition of Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava

Mysuru, May 13- The 12th event — 'Chaitra' edition — of Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava, organised under the aegis of Champaka Educational and Cultural Trust, Mysuru, was held on May 4 at Champaka Academy premises in Ramakrishnanagar, with Bharatanatyam performances from accomplished artistes from Mysuru and Puttur.

The evening started with a Bharatanatyam featuring disciples of Guru *Karnataka Kalashree* Vidushi Nayana V. Rai, Founder and Director of Vishwakalaniketana Institute of Arts & Culture, Puttur, Kudkadi and Vidushi Swastika R. Shetty.

The students of the senior dance Guru presented an excellent performance that started with Trimurti Anjali, a pushpanjali to the Gods, followed by Devi Varna, composed by Madhurai R. Muralidharan. They concluded their programme with a famous composition 'Kunidado Ranga' of Guru Vadiraja, depicting Kalinga Mardana story in an attractive way.

Angika Shetty, daughter of Swastika Shetty, was also one of the dancers and the group portrayed stable and beautiful body movements in the Nritta and also gave beautiful abhinaya for the audience to relish.

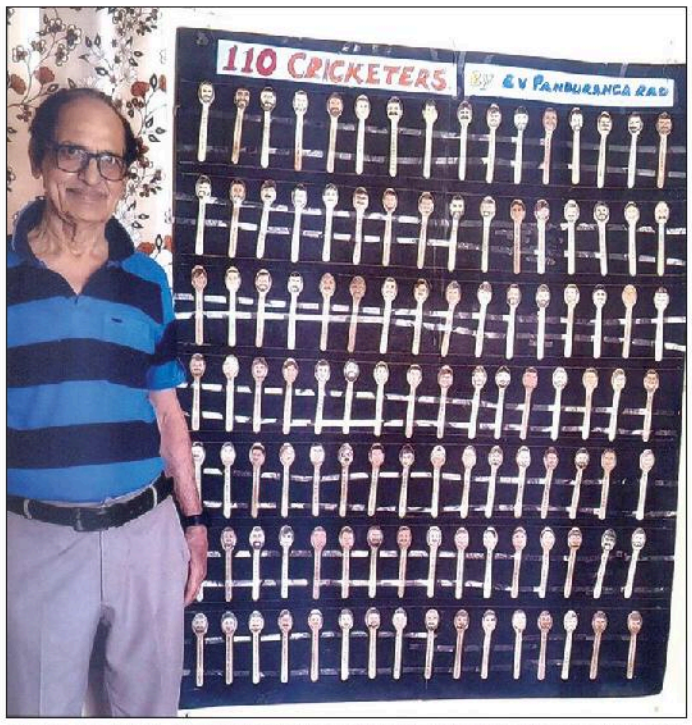
Disciples of Vidushi S.N. Meghana Rao, Director of Natya Samskruthi Kalanikethana, Mysuru, presented a Bharatanatyam feature starting with Ganesha stuti, which was followed by famous compositions like Shringapuradheeshwari Sharade and Jaya Jaya Shambho.

The concluding event was a feature on Ugadi presented by her students including her talented young son Bhagat Sharma and was very impressive in communicating about the splendour of Ugadi for nature and humans.

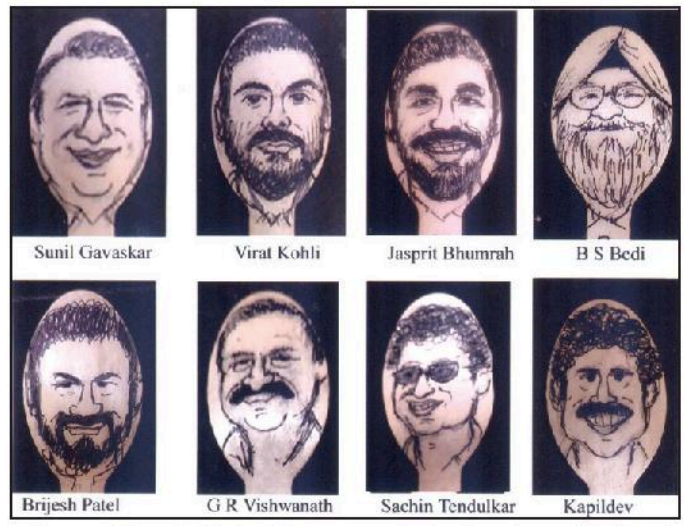
*Karnataka Kalashree* Vidushi G. Rajalakshmi Sreedhar, retired Assistant Director, AIR, Mysuru, was the chief guest. Vidushi G. Rajalakshmi Sreedhar spoke about the importance of art forms in one's life and how it helps in improving the physical and mental health of an individual.

All performers were given a certificate of appreciation by the guest. Members of the public attended and enjoyed the event.

# Faces of cricketers on wooden spoons enter into World Record




*Cartoonist B.V. Panduranga Rao with his Wooden Spoon art work.*




Mysuru, May 13- Noted Bengaluru-based cartoonist B.V. Panduranga Rao has earned the honour of getting entry into India Book of Records, Unique World Records and World Records India for drawing 110 faces of Indian Cricketers on the Head of Wooden Spoons, each measuring 16 cm in length.

He drew the faces of present cricketers like Virat Kohli, Jasprit Bhumrah, Arshdeep Singh, Ravindra Jadeja etc., and former cricketers like Sachin Tendulkar, Kapil Dev, Sunil Gavaskar including the legendary cricketers Vinoo Mankad, MAK Pataudi, Vijay Merchant, Lala Amarnath, to name a few. He took 26 days to complete it. In recognition of his achievement, he was honoured with a Certificate, Medal and Trophy.

**Pride Bharat award**

Recently, Rao was awarded the prestigious I CAN Foundation 'Pride Bharat' 2024 Award in the category of Art & Culture for his outstanding achievements in the field of Cartooning and significant contribution to society to inspire others. For this, he has been honoured with a Certificate, Medal and Trophy. The award distribution ceremony was held in Jaipur on Mar. 16, 2024.

The name of this 80-year-old cartoonist, who himself is a former Cricketer and Cricket Umpire, has already found entry into Limca Book of Records 14 times, India Book of Records 13 times, Unique World Records 6 times and World Record India 2 times. He has also been a recipient of Grand Master Award, URF Legend Award, National Humanitarian Excellence Award and the Genius Cartoonist of the Year 2023 Award.

Rao is a retired Engineer from Bhilai Steel Plant and a Hobby Cartoonist for the past 56 years. He was born in Mysuru and studied in Chamundipuram Middle School and Hardwicke High School before continuing his studies in Bengaluru.

# Staging of play 'Aa Mani'

Mysuru, May 13- Rangayana, Mysuru, had organised the staging of play 'Aa Mani,' written by Keertinatha Kurtakoti, directed by Manjunatha Badigera, at Bhoomigeeta auditorium in Rangayana premises last evening.

The play will be re-staged at the same venue on May 18 and 19 at 6.30 pm, according to a press release from the Deputy Director of Rangayana.

# Shankara Jayanti celebrated in city

Mysuru, May 13 (MK,PM & VNS)- Various Brahmin organisations celebrated Shankara Jayanti, the birth anniversary of Jagadguru Adi Shankaracharya in city, yesterday. Processions with portrait of Adi Shankaracharya were held amidst chanting of vedic hyms and mangala vadya.

The **Mysuru Zilla Brahmana Sangha** celebrated both Shankara Jayanti and Ramanujacharya Jayanti at Sri Rama Mandira in Krishnamurthypuram. Sangha President D.T. Prakash inaugurated the event by offering floral tributes the portraits of the saints.

Speaking on the occasion, Prakash said, Shankaracharya led people to the path of 'Mukti' irrespective of their caste, creed and religion. Stating that Shankaracharya had spread the essence of Bhakti by travelling across Karnataka for about 32 years, Prakash called upon members of Brahmin community to celebrate Shankara Jayanti in unison.

Archakara Sangha President Vid. Krishnamurthy, Mysuru Zilla Brahmana Yuva Vedike General Secretary Vikram Iyengar, Organising Secretary Ajay Shastri and others were present.

**Ramakrishnanagar-Sharadadevinagar Vipra Vrinda** also celebrated Shankara Jayanti by organising a grand procession on the main roads of the localities. The procession was inaugurated by Avadhoota Datta Peetham Junior Pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji by offering floral tributes to the portrait of Adi Shankaracharya at Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Circle.

Speaking on the occasion, Swamiji said Adi Shankaracharya, who had toured the entire country four times to safeguard 'Sanathana Dharma', had played a major role in the message of Bhagavad Gita. "At the time when the country was facing severe invasions, Shankaracharya went on padayatra on multiple occasions around the country to safeguard our dharma and defeated atheists through his knowledge with non-violence as his main weapon," he said.

Talking about Ramanujacharya, Swamiji said that both Shankaracharya and Ramanujacharya were incarnation of Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu respectively.

MIT Chairman Murali, Mysuru Zilla Brahmana Sangha President D.T. Prakash, Yoganarasimha Swamy Temple Secretary N. Srinivasan, social worker K. Raghuram Vajapayee, City BJP Secretary B.M. Raghu, Suyog Hospital Chairman Dr. S.P. Yoganna, Sri Ramachandrapura Mutt President G.R. Mohan and others were present.

**Dinesh Gundurao Abhimanigala Balaga** celebrated Shankara Jayanti and Ramanujacharya Jayanti at Sri Bharathi Old Age Home in Kanakagiri. Balaga President Vinay Kanagal, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, City Congress President R. Murthy, former Corporator Sowbhagyalakshmi and others distributed fruits among the inmates.

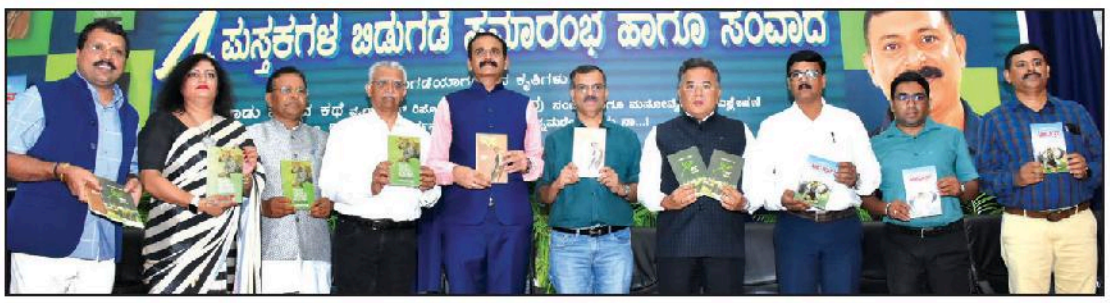
**Abhinava Shankaralaya Mutt** had organised a grand procession with the portrait of Sri Adi Shankaracharya to mark the celebrations. The procession was inaugurated by MLA T.S. Srivatsa by offering floral tributes to portrait of Adi Shankaracharya.

The procession passed through Uttaradi Mutt Road and other main roads before returning to Abhinava Shankaralaya premises.

Shankara Mutt Dharmadhikari Ramachandra, Manager Sheshadri Bhat, Sapta Mathrika Temple Dharmadhikari Bhaskar, Zilla Brahmana Sangha President D.T. Prakash, ex-Corporator B.V. Manjunath and others were present.

**Sri Shankara Jayanti Sabha of Sri Prasanna Vishweshwara Temple** on Gita Road too took out a procession of Sri Shankaracharya's statue marking Shankara Jayanti celebrations.

# Journalist Ramesh Uthappa's four books on nature released




***Senior journalist Vishweshwar Bhat** (fourth from right) **releasing the books authored by Journalist Ramesh Uthappa** (extreme right) **on nature at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri, Mysuru, recently as others look on.***

Mysuru, May 13 (GA&DM)- Senior journalist Vishweshwar Bhat emphasised the significance of wildlife in parallel to the political discourse, highlighting that just as the statements of the Chief Minister hold weight for newspapers, the sounds of nature are equally crucial.

His remarks came during the release of four works by journalist Ithichanda Ramesh Uthappa: "Kaadu Helida Kathe," "Haavu, Nambike Haagu Manovaignanika Vishleshane," "Aane, Badalaada Varthane," and "Arjuna, Ninna Mareyalenthu Naa."

The event, jointly organised by the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Mysore (UoM), Akshara Mantapa Prakashana in Bengaluru and the Mysuru Cultural Association, was held recently at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri.

Bhat underscored the scarcity of coverage on wildlife compared to the abundance of political reporting, praising Ramesh Uthappa for being one of the few journalists who extensively covers wildlife.

He lamented the lack of interest in reporting on wildlife, the visits of wildlife experts, Nobel laureates, and similar events. Bhat underscored the importance of journalists being well-read, particularly about notable figures like M.S. Swaminathan, when engaging with them.

He noted that many journalists hesitate to interact with such personalities, but it is during these interactions that the true capacity of a journalist is tested.

He further suggested that with the growing emphasis on wildlife and environmental issues, there is ample opportunity for establishing a dedicated channel and launching a magazine focused on wildlife. Uthappa's works, he added, provide much-needed information and valuable insights into wildlife studies.

Prof. N.K. Lokanath, Vice-Chancellor of UoM, stressed the necessity for language to maintain freshness and creativity to sustain reader interest and engagement. He expressed concern over the declining quality of writing in newspapers, stressing the importance of continuously evolving language with new words and encouraging people to cultivate a habit of reading and writing daily.

Senior journalist Ravindra Bhat remarked on the profound teachings of forests, underlining their role in teaching humanity to coexist with nature, ecology and the environment. He lamented the increasing trend towards an anti-nature lifestyle and opined that a harmonious society can only be built by embracing a lifestyle in harmony with nature.

Journalists Ravi Hegde and Sudarshan Channangihalli, along with Kannada Book Authority Chairman Manasa, also shared their thoughts on the occasion.

Prof. M.S. Sapna, Head of the UoM Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, presided. A.P. Nagesh from the Mysuru Cultural Association, Chetan Kanabur from Akshara Mantapa Prakashana, author Ramesh Uthappa and others were also present.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## WORD OF THE DAY

### Piscine

**Pronunciation:** pahy-seen, pis-ahyn, -een.
**Meaning:** Of, relating to, or resembling a fish or fishes.
**Origin:** The Latin word for fish is piscis, and both the word piscine and the astrological sign Pisces come from this root. Like Pisces, piscine is pronounced with a long i sound in its first syllable. In French, piscine doesn't mean "fishy;" it means "swimming pool." Early 14c., "natural or artificial reservoir for water, bathing pool," from Old French piscine "fishpond," from Latin piscina, from piscis "a fish." The ecclesiastical sense (also piscina) "stone basin in a church placed close to the altar and used to receive the water in which the priest washed his hands before the celebration of the eucharist" is from late 15c., from Medieval Latin piscina.
**Example:** The dancer's elegant movements were reminiscent of a piscine creature gracefully gliding through water.

## THE ODD WORD

**Paludism**

Marsh fever; malaria.

## PHRASE OF THE DAY

### A penny for your thoughts

**Meaning:** It means: What are you thinking about?
**Origin:** The earliest written citation of the phrase "A penny for your thoughts" can be traced back to the 16th century. It is attributed to Sir Thomas More, who used a variation of it in his book "A Treatyce upon the last thynges" in 1534. In this context, the phrase means "Tell me what you are thinking", with the implication that you're willing to pay money to know what someone is actually thinking. Interestingly, the saying originated during a time when the British penny was worth a significant sum. In 1522, Sir Thomas More wrote in 'Four Last Things': "It often happeth, that the very face sheweth the mind walking a pilgrimage, in such wise that other folk sodainly say to them 'a penny for your thought'". John Heywood's book "The Proverbs of John Heywood", first published in 1546, also contains a similar citation: "Fréend (quoth the good man) a penny for your thought"
Example: Steffany, you look very pleased today. A penny for your thought?

## QUOTE BOX

Did you ever see a little kid's face when he spots a penny on a sidewalk?

**— Jerry Spinelli**

## RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

CHUTE
SITE

*Answer: Shoot on sight.*

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS:**

1 Diameter, in short?
4 Ben ___ : movie which won many an Oscar
7 Move slowly
11 Taxi
12 `Were' in the present tense
13 Under-surface of foot
14 Natives of Nazareth
17 He used to be emperor of Russia
18 Reprimanded, scolded or berated
20 Cowboy's noose
22 Cheese "made" wrong way?
23 Loan instalment
24 Customary
27 Large nose (slang)
31 Tries or attempts
33 Jack
34 Sellout sign: abbr.
35 Food Store - "idle" anagram?
37 Auctioneer's hammer
39 Theatrical entrepreneur
42 Exchange fee
43 Sensitive
46 ___ short: disparage or underestimate?
47 Plant juice
48 Eng. Press. Ratio
49 It fits to _ ___ (it fits perfectly) (1,3)
50 Printer's measures
51 Bud's movie partner

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER**

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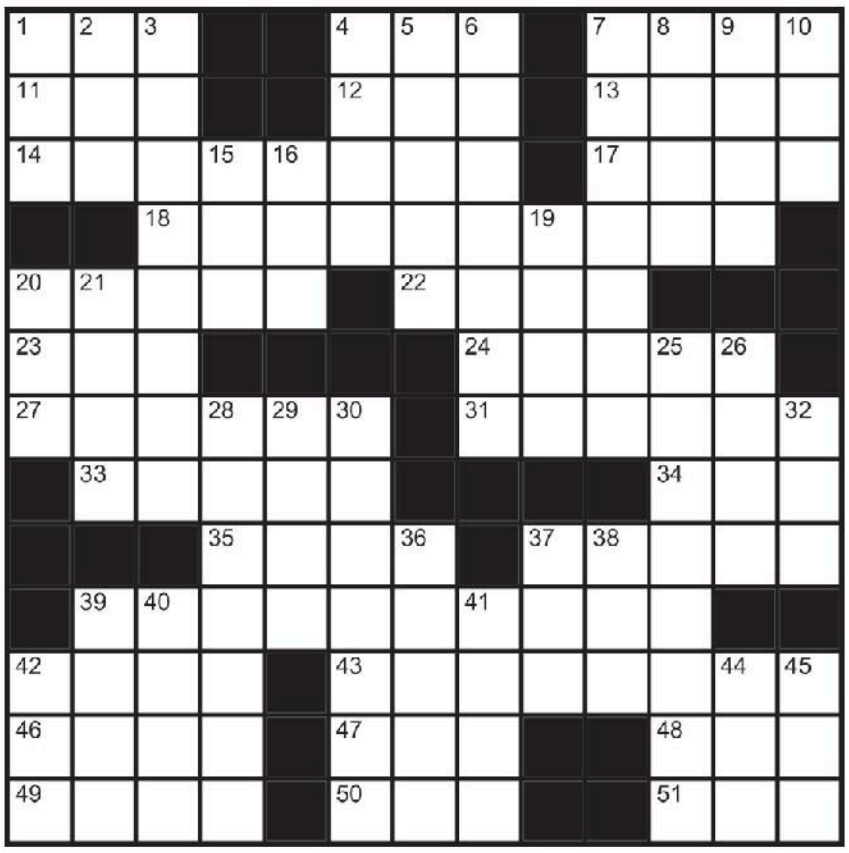
**DOWN**

1 601 in Roman numerals
2 Indian Administrative Service, in short
3 Graze, scratch
4 Ring of light
5 Fluid secreted by kidneys
6 Leftovers, remnant
7 Neck of land
8 Olfactory organ
9 Clothed or wearing?
10 The possessive case of the personal pronoun 'she'
15 Some promos
16 Rock music style
19 Impudence
20 Town in Ladakh
21 Frenziedly misbehaving
25 A South African vulture
26 Old musical instrument used to accompany poetry
28 Young frog
29 For all time
30 Set free
32 Tonic __ - fa : the famous tonic ?
36 The Muslim faith
37 Grad. Rec. Exam.
38 ____ one's views: say what one has to say openly?
39 __ it : I understand this (1,3)
40 1.61 kms?
41 European mountains
42 Comparative words (2,1)
44 BSE deal
45 French vineyard -"cur" anagram?



## SUDOKU

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| | | 1 | | | | 2 | 4 | 5 |
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| | | 3 | 4 | | | | | |

Answer to previous puzzle

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| 6 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 2 |
| 2 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
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| 4 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 3 |
| 9 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 1 |
| 5 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 6 |
| 7 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 8 |
| 3 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 7 |
| 8 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 5 |

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**RTUZ XA BFZ SXMMXDNRB OZGRXLGBXTH BFGB**

**ATQZBFXHW TBFZO BFGH THZAZRM XA OZGR.**

**TODAY'S CLUE: W EQUALS G**

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** Never reach out your hand unless you're willing to extend an arm.

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|---|---|---|
| *The Boy & the Heron (Japanese)* | (S-1) | 11.20 am, 4.20 pm |
| *Grey Games (K)* | (S-1) | 1.50 pm |
| *Aavesham (Ma)* | (S-1) | 7 pm, 10 pm |
| *Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)* | (S-2) | 10.40 am |
| *Star (Ta)* | (S-2) | 1 pm, 4.05 pm |
| *Ramana Avatara (K)* | (S-2) | 7.05 pm |
| *Marivillin Gopurangal (Ma)* | (S-2) | 10.05 pm |
| *Alaikyaa (K)* | (S-3) | 10.55 am |
| *Power (K)* | (S-3) | 1.15 pm |
| *Srikanth (H)* | (S-3) | 4.30 pm, 7.10 pm |
| *Krishnamma (Te)* | (S-3) | 9.55 pm |
| *Kingdom of the planet of Apes (E)* | (S-4) | 10.35 am, 1.25 pm, 4.15 pm 7.10 pm, 10.05 pm |

### MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Aranmanai 4 (Ta)* | : | 1.10 pm, 7 pm |
| *Kingdom of the Planet of Apes (E)* | : | 1.10 pm, 4 pm 6.45 pm, 9.25 pm |
| *Ramana Avatara (K)* | : | 1.25 pm, 4.05 pm |
| *Krishnamma (Te)* | : | 4.25 pm, 9.30 pm |
| *Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)* | : | 7.05 pm |
| *Grey Games (K)* | : | 7.05 pm |

### PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

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| *Kingdom of the Planet of Apes (E)* | : | 10 am, 1.05 pm, 4.10 pm 7.20 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Srikanth (H)* | : | 10 am, 1 pm, 4.25 pm 7 pm, 10.15 pm |
| *Star (Ta)* | : | 11.45 am, 3.05 pm 6.25 pm, 9.45 pm |
| *Aranmanai 4 (Ta)* | : | 12.30 pm |
| *Prathinidhi 2 (Te)* | : | 12.55 pm, 9.15 pm |
| *Ramana Avatara (K)* | : | 3.40 pm |
| *Trailers Screening Show* | : | 3.50 pm |
| *Ajaniputra (K)* | : | 4 pm |
| *Grey Games (K)* | : | 6.35 pm |
| *Krishnamma (Te)* | : | 7.25 pm |
| *Marivillin Gopurangal (Ma)* | : | 10 pm |

**1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210**

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|---|---|---|
| *Srikanth (H)* | : | 10 am, 1.15 pm, 3.40 pm 7.15 pm, 10 pm |
| *Kingdom of the Planet of Apes (E)* | : | 10.05 am, 12 noon, 3.10 pm 6.20 pm, 9.30 pm |
| *Trailers Screening Show* | : | 12.30 pm |
| *Star (Ta)* | : | 1 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *4n6 (K)* | : | 1.05 pm |
| *Anjaniputra (K)* | : | 4.15 pm |
| *Krishnamma (Te)* | : | 4.20 pm, 10.15 pm |
| *Power *** (K)* | : | 6.40 pm |

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***Sri Kanyakaparameswari Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mysuru, was conferred Best Data Centre Implementation Award at the 8th All India Urban Bank Summit 2024, Pune, organised by the National Federation of Urban Co-operative Banks and Credit Societies Limited (NAFCUB). The Award was received by Bank President H.M. Sandeep, BOM Chairman E. Dilip Kumar, Director S.R. Sunil, Professional Director D.N. Phani Datta, CEO Y.P. Naresh and IT Admin V. Lakshmikant from NAFCUB Chairman Jyotindra Mehta on Wednesday last.***

## EVENTS TODAY (MAY 13)

- **Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Mysuru:** 'Artistry Show - Art in Every Jewel,' an expo-cum-sale of exquisite jewellery, Mysuru Showroom, B.N. Road, near KSRTC Sub-urban Bus Stand, **up to 9 pm.**
- **CSIR - Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI):** National Technology Day 2024 celebrations, Arjun Ranga, Partner of NR Groups and CEO & Managing Director of N. Ranga Rao & Sons Pvt. Ltd., Mysuru, chief guest, Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh, Director, CSIR-CFTRI, presides, Dr. Aashitosh A. Inamdar, Head, Technology Transfer & Business Development (TTBD) Department, CSIR-CFTRI, speaks about National Technology Day, Cheluvamba Hall (Assembly Hall), CSIR-CFTRI premises, **4 pm.** [Mob: 94801-66385]
- **Sri Shankara Jayanti Sabha:** Sri Shankara Bhagavatpadara Jayantyotsava and 45th anniversary celebrations, Bharatanatyam by Vidu. Pooja Sugam, disciple and daughter of Dr. Kripa Phadke, Sabha premises, Saraswathipuram, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

*Vidu. Pooja Sugam*

## EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 14)

- **Vivekananda Institute of Indian Studies (VIIS), Department of Studies in Political Science and Public Administration, University of Mysore (UoM):** Seminar on 'Governance of Social Welfare,' Prof. N.T. Prabhakar, former Director, Department of Higher Education, Government of Karnataka, delivers the keynote address, Grassroots Research And Advocacy Movement (GRAAM) Executive Director Dr. Basavaraju R. Shresta will be present, Seminar Hall, Humanity Block, Manasagangothri, **10.30 am to 1 pm.** [Mob: 70197-49163]
- **Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Mysuru:** 'Artistry Show - Art in Every Jewel,' an expo-cum-sale of exquisite jewellery, Mysuru Showroom, B.N. Road, near KSRTC Sub-urban Bus Stand, **11 am to 9 pm.**

### INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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|---|---|---|
| *Srikanth (H)* | : | 10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm |
| *Kingdom of the planet of Apes (E)* | : | 10.10 am, 1.15 pm, 4.20 pm 7.25 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Star (Ta)* | : | 11.30 am, 2.50 pm, 6.50 pm |
| *Power *** (K)* | : | 1.05 pm |
| *Anjaniputra (K)* | : | 4.25 pm |
| *Trailers Screening Show* | : | 6.10 pm |
| *Ramana Avatara (K)* | : | 7.25 pm |
| *Krishnamma (Te)* | : | 10.10 pm |
| *Aranmanai 4 (Ta)* | : | 10.20 pm |

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| *Kingdom of the Planet of Apes (E)* | : | 10.05 am, 1.10 pm 7.15 pm, 10.20 pm |
| *Srikanth (H)* | : | 10.10 am, 1.10 pm, 4.15 pm 7.30 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Star (Ta)* | : | 10.15 am, 4.10 pm, 10.10 pm |
| *Krishnamma (Te)* | : | 10.20 am, 7.05 pm |
| *4n6 (K)* | : | 1.15 pm |
| *Ramana Avatara (K)* | : | 1.35 pm |
| *Manjummel Boys (Ma)* | : | 4.10 pm |
| *Grey Games (K)* | : | 4.30 pm |
| *Marivillin Gopurangal (Ma)* | : | 7.10 pm |
| *Prathinidhi 2 (Te)* | : | 10 pm |

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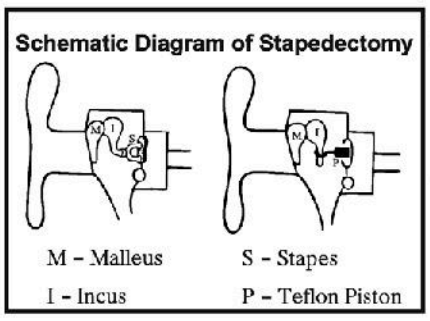


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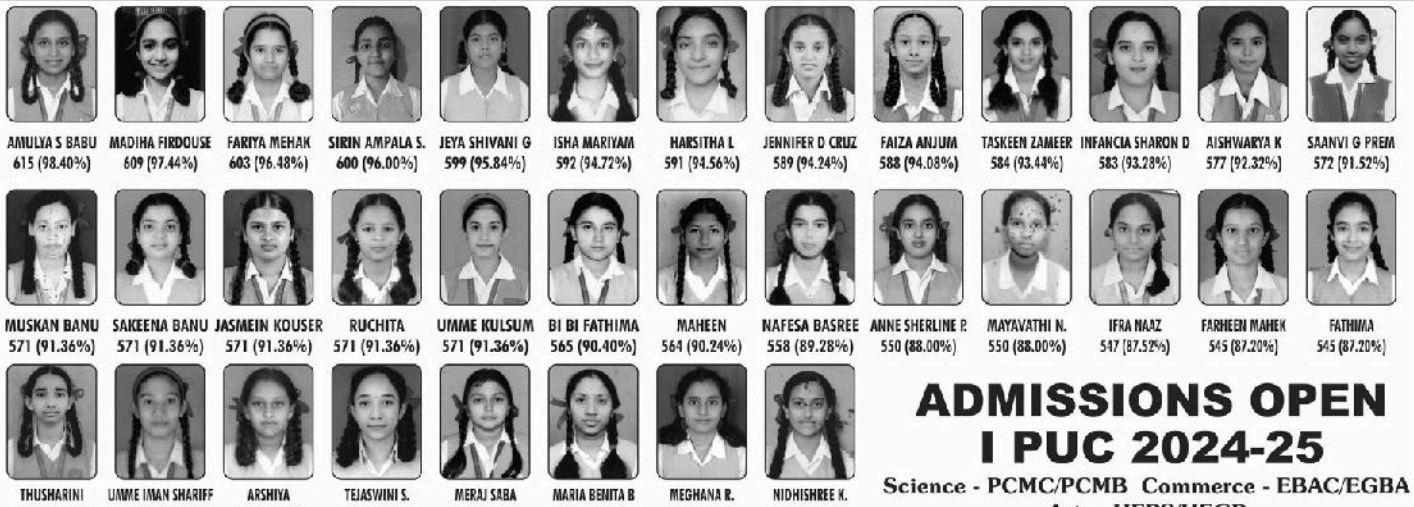

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